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9TH ANNUAL CENTENNIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SET

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It has been announced that the 9th Annual Centennial Basketball Tournament will be played at Loyola's Athletic Complex on Friday and Saturday, December 6th and 7th. Friday's games are slated for 7 and 9 p.m. and on Saturday for 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

This year's tourney will be sponsored by Pepsi Cola Canada Ltd. as part of their expanding contribution to university athletics in Canada.

The event was first established in 1967 by Loyola's Director of Physical Education and Athletics, Dr. Ed Enos, and has grown to the point where it rates as one of the top tournaments in the country. Each year the caliber of play has improved and this year will be no exception.

The four teams selected to play in this year's tournament are the defending champions, Acadia University from Wolfville, Nova Scotia, St. Francis Xavier University from Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Mc Master University from Hamilton, Ontario, as well as the host Loyola Warriors.

This is the first year that the tourney has featured four Canadian squads, the format in the past having included two U.S. entries. The reason for the change is that the Tournament Selection Committee felt that Canadian College basketball has developed to the point where good Canadian teams compare favorably with the U.S. squads invited in the past.

The Axemen from Acadia became the first Canadian entry to walk off with top honors when they defeated a tough R.P.I. squad in overtime to win last year's event. The Axemen then went on to win the strong Maritime conference title and are once again regarded as one of the premier teams in the nation. Leading the way for Coach Richard Hunt will be two outstanding big men, 6'5" All-Canadian Joey Wells and 6'4" rookie Gene Saunders.

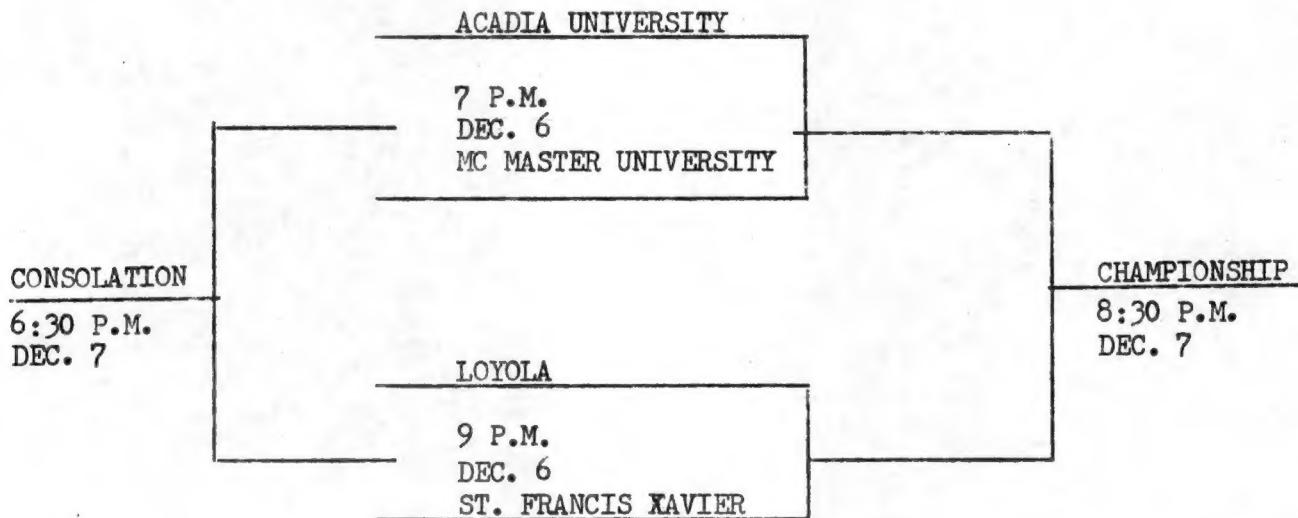
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The St. Francis Xavier X-Men have consistently fielded contending teams in what many experts feel is the strongest conference in the country. Coach Packy Mac Farland expects big games from two 6'4" All-Conference selections, Paul Mc Grath and Sean Pritchard, along with rookie Ed Bialek.

Coach Bill Fowler's Mc Master Marauders are coming off a third place finish in Ontario's highly regarded West Division and boast two of the league's finer big men in 6'6" Indrek Kongats and 6'4" Dave Roser.

The host Loyola Warriors will be relying on the front line of 6'5" Dave Kurtz, 6'4" Ron Puskarich and 6'2" Bobby Brix to compete with some of the toughest big men in Canada. In the backcourt Coach Doug Daigneault has two of the finest in the land in John Erglis (Ottawa Tourney M.V.P.) and John Dore (Laurier Tourney All-Star).

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